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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.181(a) AND MPEP 711.03(c)(I)(A)**

Upon performing a status inquiry on March 13, 2008, for the present patent Application, Applicants' attorney discovered that the USPTO PAIR indicated a Notice of Allowance had been mailed for the present Application on November 28, 2007. The Notice of Allowance was not received by Applicants' attorney. While confirming the facts surrounding the non-received Notice of Allowance, Applicants' attorney received a Notice of Abandonment dated March 24, 2008, specifying the application abandoned for failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee. The Notice of Abandonment specified that a petition to revive or request to withdraw holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181 should be filed. Between the time the March 24, 2008, Notice of Abandonment was received and the date of this filing, Applicants' attorney confirmed the facts surrounding the non-received Notice of Allowance and prepared this Petition.

MPEP 711.03(c)(I)

MPEP 711.03(c)(I) states that where an applicant contends that the application is not in fact abandoned (e.g., there is disagreement as to the sufficiency of the reply, or as to controlling dates), a petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment is the appropriate course of action, and such petition does not require a fee.

MPEP 711.03(c)(I)(A)

MPEP 711.03(c)(I)(A) states that an allegation that an Office action was never received may be considered in a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment. If adequately

(iii) if a fee for the Petition to Revive otherwise is required, or

(iv) if any fee is otherwise required,

Applicants hereby authorize the Director to withdraw any required fee from USPTO
Deposit Account 50-1662.

This is intended to be a complete response to the non-received Notice of Allowance dated
November 28, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

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